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ONE WITH OUR COUNTRY.

Shadows and shadows, but hope for the best;
We're one—under heaven—from east unto west,
To live for our country, or sleep on her breast,
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To live in her light, or to dream the last dream,
'Neath the fair, flaming flowers of Freedom!
—F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

CYNTHIA.

BY MARY SWEET POTTER.

"You see, Cynthia, it is like this. I can't make much of a living here, and so I have decided to—go out west and see what I could do."

"Well, I can't blame you, Jack; Jennie's a good girl, and some who go west do well. I don't know how I shall ever get along without you, though."

And the loving heart of the sister asserted itself in a burst of tears at thought of the coming separation.

Jack looked at her regretfully.

"I hate like everything to leave you, Cynthia, but I suppose I must. We're going right away, too," he added, looking out of the window to avoid the rare and piteous sight of his strong, bright sister in tears.

Cynthia Lee swallowed her grief as best she could, restoring her brother's self-possession by a few commonplace words; then he went out, and she worked on with nimble fingers, shelling beans for dinner.

Soon the outer door flew open, impelled by the eager hands of a young girl.

"The Bartlett pears are ripe, Cynthia; see these," rolling some beautiful specimens of the fruit mentioned across the table.

The fruit did not call forth any enthusiasm on Cynthia's part, and the younger girl, seeing that something was wrong, began to shell the beans, her face disturbed by frowns.

She, like her brother, had an unpleasant communication to make this morning, but the time seemed scarcely favorable, judging by Cynthia's face.

There was a long silence, broken at last by Cynthia.

"Jessie," she said, "Jack is going to leave us; how shall we ever get along without him?"

"How—he is?" stammered Jessie. She had known it for weeks. "Oh," she went on, "there's no use beating about the bush, Cynthia; I knew Jack was going, and I am going, too, at the same time he goes."

Cynthia turned a pale, stern face toward her sister.

"You do not mean it, do you, Jessie?" she said, with a quaver in her voice. "Why, I promised mother never to let you out of my sight till you were grown up, able to——"

"Why, Cynthia! I'm 17, and lots of girls marry even younger than that," interrupted Jessie, impatiently.

The expression of Cynthia's face changed once more.

"Marry!" she exclaimed. "In the name of mercy, whom are going to marry?"

"Why, Frank Bailey, of course. Jack knew it, and I should think he might have told you and saved me the—trouble. I should think you might have seen how things were going and been prepared for this and saved getting yourself so worked up over it," grumbled Jessie in an injured tone.

"Why, I did know pretty near about Jack, but you—you're only a child," said Cynthia, drearily.

"Well, I'm engaged to Frank Bailey, any way, and I'm going to marry him and go west with him and Jack and Jennie and his folks, and you will have to get along the best you can. You ought to be glad Jack and I are doing so well.

Cynthia thought that time would prove whether they were indeed doing well, but she did not say it.

"Then I must live all alone," she said.

"Oh, no! You have the two dogs and six cats and Mooly and the hens. And you know how to manage the place. Wasn't it lucky that father left it for your share and gave the money to me and Jack?"

Cynthia listened to the end of Jessie's speech, then dropped her face into her hands and laughed and cried hysterically, till Jessie left the room with an air half-indignant, half-sorrowful.

Cynthia did not harrow the feelings of her brother and sister by any more displays of grief. She set cheerfully about preparing outfits for the two young emigrants, and before the time for their departure had arrived there stood ready, locked and corded in the hall, two big boxes for each of them, containing, as Jessie well knew, the lion's share of the household linen which by right belonged to Cynthia.

Soon the time came when the double wedding, the good byes and the departure were all events of the past, and Cynthia was alone.

She felt indescribably miserable as she turned to go in after watching them out of sight, and the dogs, looking into her face, knew that something was wrong and plainly showed it by their affectionate demonstrations.

"You dear old boys!" she cried, returning their caresses. "We must fight it out alone now."

Cynthia's nature was not easily crushed. It bounded up from the pressure of ill fortune's iron heel as does a child's toy of India rubber on which it has set its tiny foot to see the rebound.

She missed the brother and sister naturally, but when two years passed and they had not written to her more than half a dozen times, she could not but feel less desire for their companionship than at first. Indeed, searching her mind, she found little in it but content.

She had worked hard indoors and out, and as a result she found herself, in addition to her contented mind, possessed of perfect health and a bank book.

Still, on that second anniversary, it seemed to Cynthia that she would have given much to see her young brother and sister walk in and seat themselves at her lonely dinner table. For the first time since their departure she gave way to a fit of crying that was childish in its intensity, as she sat waiting for her dinner to cook.

Two cold noses were thrust inquiringly into her face, and the tide was turned in a measure.

She placed a hand on each beautiful head and looked in the honest eyes.

"How can I call myself alone when I have you dear, faithful creatures?"

She was still caressing them when they suddenly left her side and rushed out of doors with short, quick barks of alarm.

Jumbo was a very large dog and Saracen rather particular as to who came on the premises; so Cynthia hastened after them, for fear the visitor might be frightened. When she reached the big gate post, Saracen was growling in a way to terrify a stranger.

At first Cynthia saw no one, but almost immediately a battered sun hat came into sight, followed by the entire figure of a little girl.

"Please, ma'am, may I come in a minute?" she asked, her voice trembling with fear.

"Why, surely," Cynthia replied, "Come right along; the dogs shan't hurt you. Be good now, boys; don't you see how little she is?"

Thus there entered into Cynthia's domain the palest, slenderest child she had ever seen. She had the appearance of a child of 10, yet, as Cynthia soon learned, she was nearly 14.

She was ragged and dirty, with the look in her eyes of a "starved animal."

"My poor child, who are you?" asked Cynthia.

"I'm Annie Gray."

"Where did you come from?"

"New York."

"How did you get here?"

"I walked, ma'am. I've been walking three days and sleeping under sheds, stopping along asking for a place to stay and work; please, ma'am, have you anything I could do?"

"Come in, child, come in. We'll see about the work later. Dinner is just ready to take up, and we must attend to that first."

The little girl stepped inside the door with alacrity. Cynthia hastened to set the table and serve the warm, substantial meal. Then, while they ate it together, she listened to what the child had to say about herself with warm interest.

"I'm sorry my clothes are not nicer, ma'am, but they are all I have, so I could not wash them very well. I washed my hands and face, though, in the beautiful brooks all along the way. Oh, that was so nice! I was always clean before my mother died. You see, ma'am, it was like this," she continued, with a mature manner that did not sit strangely upon her, spite of her delicacy. "I stood it with father as long as I could. He got wild after mother died and seemed to hate me. I wanted to stay and keep house for him, but—see this, ma'am, and this"—exhibiting purple spots on her arm and shoulder. "But, dear me, he didn't know he did it. It was all that awful drink."

Seeming to see Cynthia's horror and disgust for the man she was excusing, her loyalty took alarm.

"Indeed, ma'am, you mustn't think my father was bad. He was always kind to mother and never struck me a blow till after she died and he began to drink. Oh, I feel so sorry for poor father!"

Cynthia was doubtful as to so much sympathy being deserved by the man who could so forget his duty to his motherless child, but somehow she could not find it in her heart to say what she thought to the loyal little daughter who sought to defend him.

Indeed, she saw to it that the hunger of the girl was satisfied; then she took her upstairs to a chest containing many things that Jessie had outgrown or cast aside because she tired of them, and when the little waif again descended to the kitchen she was so transformed as to be hardly recognizable.

And so it came about that at last Cynthia had a companion and assistant. For she kept little Annie, who seemed to feel as if a paradise had opened to her.

The dogs, without withdrawing any of their loving allegiance from Cynthia, found room in their big hearts for the child, and they were the best of friends.

Three years passed, and Annie had drained the fount of knowledge at the village academy, and it was evident that she still thirsted. Consequently, she must be sent to a good boarding school for a time. After that it might be that she would go still further, for she was developing rare intelligence as well as beauty of character and person.

In consequence of all this Cynthia found herself, one bright fall morning, watching the departure of her only human companion and turning, as she had turned years before, to the love and companionship of her animal friends, who never failed her.

A year slipped by, and then there came into Cynthia's life another change. She and Henry Lester, a stranger in the village, met in October, and before the end of November she had promised to marry him, and the time for the wedding was decided upon.

Cynthia could not help feeling many serious misgivings; she felt drawn toward this sad looking man with the brown eyes that always seemed searching for something except when looking at her; then they were full of peace and restfulness and deprecating love.

Deprecating was the word that seemed to fit his manner toward her. Cynthia sometimes felt pained by it, and wondered if nothing would ever change him in that respect. Too much humility was not to her taste, and good and reliable and handsome as he was, that way of his which always seemed to be saying, "Forgive me, please," grated upon her frank, independent nature in spite of all she could do to drive the feeling away.

Speaking of Annie as her adopted daughter, Cynthia had mentioned her as a possible obstacle to their engagement. He turned to her eagerly.

"Trouble your mind no more about her, Cynthia. She shall be as my own child."

Then he became lost in that dreamy maze which seemed sometimes to envelop him.

One day late in December there was a quiet wedding at the minister's house in the village, and then Cynthia found herself going swiftly towards home, her mind filled with strange new thoughts and conjecture as to how Annie should receive the news that that home would hereafter own a master—that they two would no longer be all in all to each other.

For some unexplainable reason Cynthia had never written Annie regarding her coming marriage, and as the hour drew near for the astounding disclosure she felt very nervous.

It was now near at hand. There remained but one day before Christmas; Annie would certainly be home for the holidays, and tomorrow would, in all probability, be the day of her arrival.

The morning of that day was cloudless. All the morning Cynthia flew about the house making pleasant preparations for the holiday. Everything was done at last. She had finished her simple toilet and stood at the window, watching with loving eyes the rollicking romp of her husband and the dogs in the feathery snow, when up the road came a team from the railroad station with Annie waving her handkerchief from the depths of the roomy sleigh, her cheeks so red that Cynthia saw the color from her window. Then her heart jumped into her throat, it seemed to her, for as the sleigh stopped Annie sprang out with a shriek that terminated in the word, "Father!" and after a second's hesitation Henry Lester had taken the few steps that lay between himself and the girl and gathered her in his arms.

Cynthia looked upon the scene with dazed eyes. It was evident that the introduction she had been dreading was not needed; but what did it mean?

While her whirling brain was regaining its balance her husband and Annie had entered the house. Annie immediately hastened up to Cynthia's room.

"What is it, Mamma Cynthia? My father tells me to come to you to find out why he is here."

Cynthia took the girl in her arms and held her in silence for a moment, while many and varied thoughts ran through her mind. At length she said:

"The explanation is very simple, dear; he is here because he is my husband."

Annie raised her head and kissed Cynthia's flushed face again and again.

"I am very glad," she said. "Some time you will tell me how it came about, won't you? It seems such a strange thing to happen."

"Strange indeed!" thought Cynthia. "I cannot tell the child that if I had known who Henry was it would never have happened."

Then, together, they descended to the kitchen, where they found Lester sitting dejectedly by the fire, a dog on either side of him, anxiously awaiting the appearance of his wife and daughter.

Cynthia hardly knew how to meet him. He did not leave her to face the difficulty, but rose and held out his hand to Annie.

"Come here, Annie," he said, "and plead for me with your—mother. Tell her, dear, from me, that I have never tasted liquor since the day I returned to our poor home and found you gone. I have been searching for you ever since. I have worked hard and saved all I earned, thinking to find you and make a home for you, but had grown discouraged and had given up hope of pleasure in life till I met her. Assure her, dear, that she shall never repent having taken the step she has, for I loathe the man I once was as much as she possibly can, and I did not mean to deceive her in any way. It was not necessary to give her the details of my degradation, I thought, since that was all in the past. I cannot believe that since she has learned my story she can harden her heart against me."

He held his disengaged hand toward her, his face full of anxious pleading. The gentle brown eyes that had attracted her at first spoke well for him now, and she felt that she loved him in spite of all.

She took his offered hand in both of hers and kissed him.

"We three will begin life together as if the world were new and we the only people in it," she said. "Stir the fire, please, Henry; I must get our little girl some dinner, or she will begin to think it a sorry home-coming."

A long-drawn sigh of contentment from Annie denoted anything but sorrow, and over the face of the man who listened as to a repeal of a sentence of banishment, there crept a look of peace that confirmed Cynthia in her belief that she had decided wisely and well.

And the dogs, looking on and listening to the tones of their beloved mistress' voice, settled comfortably down at the feet of him whom they had already learned to love.

Crabs in the Sunshine.

Crabs bury themselves in the mud and sand in the winter, and when taken out they are, in cold weather, numb and motionless. But if they are left in a sunny, sheltered place in a boat or elsewhere they will come to the power of motion again. There was a curious illustration of this, the other day, in a lot of crabs lying on a stand in front of a downtown fish market. There might have been 200 or 300 crabs spreading over an area of three feet in diameter. The sun shining down over a building on the opposite side of the street, fell across the stand in front of the market in such a way as to bring half the crabs into the sunlight and leave the other half in the shadow. The crabs in the sunshine were lifting up their claws and showing signs of life; those in the shadow were motionless.—New York Sun.

Earth's People Since Adam.

The number of people who lived upon this earth since the time of Adam is calculated to be somewhere about 35,627,844,000,000.

YANKEE GOODS ABROAD.

READY SALE OF AMERICAN WARES IN EUROPE.

The Old World Willing to Take Unlimited Quantities of Our Food and Manufactured Products at Prices Equal to Those Paid in This Country.

Louis Halle is back from England with $1,000,000 worth of orders for American made goods as the result of ten weeks' work. He says that the selling of Yankee products in the mother country is as easy as the showing of the goods, and that the prices current in the United States are from 10 to 15 per cent. lower than in England, despite the fact that American wages are much higher.

"It seems to me that one of the main reasons for the improvement in the times is due to the vast increase of importations," said Mr. Halle. "I was amazed at the success I had in selling goods made in Chicago and the East. The English are crazy after our wares. The manufacturers there are quickly learning they cannot compete with the United States' shops. We can undersell them on the very things they have been shipping here for half a century. The English buyers insist on having American goods, and there are many signs that the United States is rapidly becoming master of the world in matters of commerce. This is the reason for much of the foreign legislation which is aimed against American industry and importations from America.

"This demand for American goods is not confined to any one line. My orders embrace at least a dozen varieties and include leather goods, carriages and wagons, hardware, brass bedsteads, furniture, essential oils, iron and brass rivets and buttons, and canned fruits. The exportation business of this country is only in its infancy, and the tide of sales abroad has just set in. This is to be the salvation of the country. We have been manufacturing more than we could consume. The creation of a great outlet into England and the continent will open all the mills and put all the idle at work.

"England is looking more and more to America for its largest supplies in food products. I am planning to ship a load of fresh fruit next month—the first consignment of the kind—to Liverpool. The ship will be loaded with bananas, oranges, pineapples and the like. I visited Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Glasgow and other ports of importance, and I want to tell the manufacturers of the United States that all they have to do to sell their goods on the other side is to show them. They can get the same prices that they do at home and still beat the English competitors by a good margin. The same feeling concerning American goods is spreading through Paris and France. We can beat them in the cost price because we have the best machinery on the globe, and our labor is more intelligent and works under higher inspiration."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Should Be Done by Friends.

Experience proves that there is no interruption of prosperity caused by revision of the tariff where those do it who are guided by the great protective principle that American interests, whatever they are, must be paramount. The Republican party has discussed and adopted a dozen changes in the tariff since 1860, and not one of them caused the slightest diminution of confidence or interfered in the smallest degree with business progress. The consideration of the McKinley bill was coincident with the highest tide of prosperity. The preparation of the Dingley bill was accompanied by steady progress toward better times. It was only when the tariff was being tinkered by those whose avowed purpose was to disregard American interests that paralysis fell upon the business of the nation.—Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Eagle.

Out of Reach.

England's Declining Trade.

The population of Great Britain has increased ten per cent. during the last ten years. Under a healthy condition of trade its exports should show a corresponding increase, whereas its exports of domestic goods in 1897 were a trifle less than in 1888 and considerably less than in 1889 and 1890. The re-exports of foreign goods also show a considerable decrease during the decade. On the other hand, the imports show an alarming increase, arising mainly from requirements of breadstuffs and provisions. The politicians and party press are loath to admit or even recognize the fact that the foreign commerce of Great Britain makes a wretched exhibit when compared with the wonderful increase in the foreign trade of protectionist Germany or the United States. On the other hand, nearly all of the leading trade journals in England are viewing the position with alarm, and are eagerly discussing the nature of the change of that policy which, advisable as it was under the conditions of fifty years ago, is now proving ill-adapted to present conditions. It is strange, but true, that the greatest dissatisfaction with the free trade policy anywhere exhibited is now being expressed by the organs of the manufacturers, in whose behalf that policy was adopted in the middle of the century.—Toronto World.

THE ANTI-TRUST LAW.

Republican Legislation Proves to Be Effective.

An important decision has been made by the United States Circuit of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, applying the broad interpretation of the anti-trust act of 1890, which interpretation was established by the United States Supreme Court last year in the trans-Missouri case. The court holds that contracts as well as combinations in restraint of trade are forbidden by the act of 1890.

Heretofore only combinations for the regulation of traffic or of trade have been brought to the attention of the courts. The court now holds that contracts which were in unreasonable restraint of trade were at common law not unlawful, in the sense of being criminal, but were simply void and were not enforceable by the courts before the passage of the Federal Anti-Trust law. The effect of the act of 1890 was to render such contracts unlawful in an affirmative or positive sense, to make them punishable as a misdemeanor and to create a right of civil action for damages.

Every case which is brought before the Circuit Court or the Appellate Courts of the United States, on complaint of violation of the Federal law of 1890, must, of course, be adjudicated upon its own merits. But the rulings of these courts seem to be gradually growing broader, and they now appear to prohibit every conceivable form of contract which can be construed as a violation of the anti-trust law of 1890.

This act is now found to be even more comprehensive in its provisions, under the interpretation of the Supreme Court decisions, than was probably contemplated by its author, Senator, now Secretary, Sherman. It stands as an enduring monument of Republican legislation; it has withstood the ordeal of examination by the highest court in the land, and it can be cited as evidence of the attitude of the Republican party regarding trusts.

The South and Manufactures.

The State of Georgia has appropriated $10,000 for a textile school, provided that an additional $10,000 be raised by private subscription, with the object of training up talent for use in the cotton mills, instead of depending, as at present, upon the North for its superintendents and heads of departments. Incidental to the development of the skill and knowledge that are to be the outcome of this proposed new branch of the Technological Institute, there is an excellent outlook for the development of some sound, sensible, old-fashioned protectionist doctrine. It is protection straight and plain that is talked by Mr. Glenn, one of the commissioners in charge of the undertaking, when he says that "no State, no nation, no people can ever become a prosperous people and do nothing else than produce raw material." "When we become a manufacturing people," he adds, "our farmers will prosper," for their products "will be wanted by the people who labor in the manufactures."

In the expounding of such doctrine by a prominent Southerner the New York Sun sees evidence of the fact "that there is really a 'new South,' and the support it is receiving from papers like the Augusta Chronicle, of long and unvarying Democratic allegiance, is another among many similar indications that a radical transformation of economic opinion and theory is going on at this new South, involving, perhaps, political changes not less radical."

For nearly a hundred years the South has clung to the theory that the greatest wealth lay in the production of raw material for other people to convert into manufactured articles. This orthodox free trade doctrine seems likely to give way before the advance of modern progress and enlightenment, which is only another name for protection.

The Needs of the Nation.

The Republican party, in fact, has displayed a capacity and willingness to do things, and has exhibited an admirable understanding of the needs of the nation. It is not open to criticism on the score of indolence or timidity in the fulfilment of its pledges. It is in no danger of being condemned for not doing enough. It might be in danger of losing a portion of the people's confidence if it should undertake to do too much, especially in directions beyond and outside of original intentions and platform promises.—Rochester (N. Y.) Chronicle-Telegraph.

Their Joy Is Suppressed.

With characteristic singleness of mind the free trade and mugwump editors throughout the land refrain from uttering shouts of joy at the February showing of public revenues. The fact that the Dingley tariff yields a surplus of nearly $2,000,000 for that month ought to produce delirious gratification in the breasts of the gentlemen who have been so solicitous about deficits ever since July 24, 1897, but somehow it doesn't seem to work that way.

Peace! Be Still!

To our Democratic free trade friends we say: Peace! Be still! Possess your souls in patience! and whether you desire it or not, the policies of the Republican party will rectify matters, and bring order out of the chaos in which four years of Democratic misrule left the country.—St. Louis Star-Savings.

Plenty of Power.

President McKinley has the authority to put up the bars so high that German manufacturers and products can be kept out of this country entirely. He is quite likely to use that power if Germany persists in its policy of reprisal.—Syracuse Post.

It was forty-three years ago that the American Government was busily engaged in patrolling our coasts in order to prevent the departure of filibustering expeditions from this country to Cuba. And at irregular intervals ever since then the great republic has had to do this petty but costly form of police duty at the command of Spain. It's getting monotonous.

RUSHING PREPARATIONS.

Unceasing Activity at the War and Navy Departments.

ENLISTING FOR THE WARSHIPS.

Armor and Guns For the Mayflower—General Miles's Plans For the Cavalry and Artillery—Cannon For New York Militia—The Navy Department Is in Sore Need of Machinists.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Orders were issued to fit out the yacht Mayflower at the New York Navy Yard as a naval cruiser of considerable power. Chief Constructor Hichborn was authorized to spend $21,000 at once in strengthening the vessel for war purposes, and he immediately telegraphed the necessary instructions to Constructor Bowles and the Bethlehem Steel Works, where the material is to be rushed day and night for delivery in the Navy Yard before the end of the week. A belt of two-inch armor 100 feet long, effectually effecting the engine and boiler spaces, will be bolted on each side of the vessel, and the decks will be reinforced to supply rigid gun foundations.

The Ordnance Bureau arranged for the armament of the Mayflower and her guns will be ready for her in a few days. She will mount two five-inch rapid-fire rifles on her forward deck, and twelve six-pounder rapid-fire guns with several machine guns will constitute her secondary battery. Her installation is to be completed within sixteen days, and she will proceed to join the Hampton Roads division of the home squadron about the time that Commodore Howell reaches there with the San Francisco after convoying the protected cruiser New Orleans to New York.

General Miles proposes to put the artillery and cavalry of the regular army on a war footing to keep peace with the proposed infantry three-battalion formation contemplated in the Reorganization bill. He has recommended the immediate purchase of six hundred cavalry horses to be quickly trained for emergencies, and has advised that two additional siege and field guns be furnished to each battery of artillery. With these provisions General Miles thinks the two arms will be in excellent condition to expand promptly to meet any sudden necessity.

The visit to the War Department of Captain J. B. Burbank, Third Artillery, now on duty with the New York State National Guard, is of unusual importance, as the Government relies on the New York Militia to furnish some of the best volunteer organizations in case of a call for National defense. Captain Burbank's object is to secure field-pieces and other equipment for the State troops and to familiarize them with the use of such weapons without delay. It is likely that he will succeed as soon as the guns recently purchased abroad are delivered in this country.

The torpedo-boat Rodgers, which has had such an inauspicious career, is again disabled, and has been hurried to the Norfolk Navy Yard for repairs. She left Baltimore Saturday morning after six months' repairs and started for Hampton Roads with the Inspection Board, the intention being to make her contract trial of twenty-four and a half knots during the voyage. As soon as the trial began a leak developed in the main steam pipe of one engine, which caused the abandonment of the test, and she completed the run under one engine at the rate of seventeen knots. Commander Emery, the inspector, says the vessel is an excellent one and will undoubtedly make twenty-five knots.

SEAMEN AND MACHINISTS WANTED.

An Advertisement Issued by the Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The enlistment branch of the Navy Department issued a large poster advertising for men. The recent putting into commission of the cruisers Columbia and Minneapolis and the demands that will be necessary as a result of the acquisition of the Brazilian ships Amazonas, which has been renamed the New Orleans, and the American yacht Mayflower require the enlistment of additional men.

The following classes of men are wanted: Seamen, eighteen to thirty-five years of age, at $24 a month; ordinary seamen, eighteen to thirty-six years of age, at $19 a month; chief machinists, eighteen to thirty-five years of age, at $70 a month; machinists, first-class, eighteen to thirty-five years of age, at $55 a month, and machinists, second-class, eighteen to thirty-five years of age, at $40 a month.

The requirements for enlistment provide that all candidates must pass a physical examination, allowing them to be free from disqualifying ailments. Seamen and ordinary seamen must pass examination in seamanship and must have had experience at sea. Machinists are required before enlistment to pass examination showing that they are machinists by trade.

FATAL FIRE AT BUTTE.

A Score Supposed to Have Perished in a Lodging House.

The Hale House, a three-story building on East Broadway, Butte, Montana, used as a boarding and lodging house for the men in the employ of the Anaconda copper mines, was entirely destroyed by fire. When the fire started, shortly after three o'clock a. m., there were three hundred men in the building. Of these many are now in the hospitals, and others, who escaped almost without clothes, are scattered all over town.

Until the safe, now buried in the cellar under tons of debris, is removed, and the books examined and a roll called, it will not be known how many perished. So far as is known two men are dead from injuries received in jumping from windows; another is dying, and twenty are missing, while a search of the ruins may disclose the fact that many transient lodgers also lost their lives.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

This Year's Crop Includes Several Notable Anniversaries.

This year's crop of centennial celebrations includes observations of the four hundredth anniversaries of Vasco de Gama's discovery to the way to India by way of the Cape of Good Hope, at Lisbon in May; of the burning of Savonarola at Florence, also in May, and of the birth of Holbein at Brazil, in Switzerland. Montpellier will celebrate the hundredth birthday of the philosopher Auguste Comte; Ancona that of the poet Leopardi, who was born at Recanati, close by, and Paris that of Michelet, the historian.

Inside Explosion, Says Wiley.

Captain Wiley, of the tug Underwriter of Newport News, just from Havana, says he firmly believes the Maine disaster was caused by an internal explosion. He says the force of the explosion turned its upper deck completely over, and had it come from an exterior source there would have been absolutely no bottom left.

Maine Relief Bill Passed.

The House passed unanimously the bill reimbursing the survivors of the Maine for their losses and granting a year's pay to the heirs of those who lost their lives.

To Build Torpedo Destroyers.

Secretary Long has telegraphed to American shipbuilders asking them to inform him in what time and for what price they can build torpedo destroyers. Our representatives abroad failing to purchase this kind of vessel, the Navy Department has determined to start upon the construction of six in addition to the three three-million dollar battleships provided for in the new navy bill.

New Names For Cruisers.

The steamer Abrouali, bought by the United States from Brazil, was renamed the Albany, and the cruiser Amazonas, obtained from the same source, was renamed the New Orleans.

"BLACK JACK" OUTLAWS KILLED.

Nine Members of the Gang Said to Have Been Killed by Mexican Mormons.

The notorious "Black Jack" gang of outlaws which for years has defied the United States and local authorities of the Southwest has at last been wiped out. It remained for the members of the Mormon colony near Casas Grandes, Mexico, to seek out the rendezvous of the band in the almost inaccessible Sierra Madre Mountains and to carry death to its members.

On February 23 Mrs. A. F. McDonald, a member of the Mormon community at Round Valley, forty miles east of Casas Grandes, was murdered by two members of the gang and her store looted. The members of the Mormon church were commissioned to hunt down the murderers. On Sunday, March 6, they discovered the retreat of the gang in the mountains fifty miles from Round Valley, and at daylight had the camp completely surrounded. As soon as the camp began to stir the firing began, and in a short time not one of the gang remained alive. A party of American prospectors came upon the camp next day and found nine bodies stiff in death, and afterward learned from the Mormons the manner of their slaughter.

The "Black Jack" gang of train robbers was the most desperate and successful that ever operated in the South. Among their crimes are the looting of the town of Solomonville, Arizona, and the murder of the postmaster there, and the holding up of trains on the Santa Fe at Rio Puercio, New Mexico, and at the Grant Station. Five months ago it was reported that the robbers secured $30,000 there. The United States authorities have made two expeditions into Mexico in pursuit of the band, but were never able to find their hiding place.

PENNSYLVANIA STATION AFIRE.

The Big Jersey City Structure Virtually Destroyed.

Fire started at five minutes to 3 o'clock Monday morning in the power house under the train shed of the Pennsylvania Railway Station in Jersey City, opposite Cortlandt street, New York City. The whole station was practically destroyed. Flames from the train shed communicated to the main building and waiting rooms of the station, and, breaking through the roof, illuminated the sky and harbor so that the details of the scene could be watched from the New York side of the river.

The great train shed spread over an area of four acres of ground. It was 652 feet long, 256 feet wide, 80 feet high from the platform to the main arch, and 113 from the ground to the crown, where five centring arches meet.

The entire structure, which contained 4,500,000 pounds of iron, had a roof covered with heavy translucent glass framed in iron lattice work, rendering the interior as light as day. The largest span was 256 feet.

It was built about eight or nine years ago, and its mammoth train shed, it is said, is not exceeded in size by any similar structure in the world.

BLANCO'S GREAT WAR PLAN.

Eighty Battalions to March West and Other Strong Columns to March East.

It is asserted that, the Central and Western Provinces of Cuba being pacified, General Blanco is about starting on extensive operations, with eighty battalions and large volunteer forces, to destroy the insurgent power in Eastern Cuba.

General Blanco will direct his efforts especially to demolish what is described as "the more or less embryonic organization which has enabled the rebels to maintain the appearance of Government."

The Government is exceedingly hopeful of early results from General Blanco's plan of large operations in the east of the island.

The scheme provides that eighty battalions, supported by local guerrillas and native volunteers, shall sweep the country from the easternmost corners of the province of Santiago de Cuba to the Cauto River lines, which will serve as the base of operations as the troops advance westward. Other columns will move from the Jucaro Moron trocha toward the east, attacking the rebels already driven out of the Sierra Maestra and other positions.

BIG SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT.

Leiter's Freight Engagements 5,500,000 Bushels Through to Liverpool.

Joseph Leiter, the Board of Trade operator, made contracts to ship 1,500,000 bushels of wheat from Chicago, all rail, to the seaboard. The Lehigh Valley line is to get 1,000,000 bushels of it. The balance is to be divided among the other lines. It is understood that the Lake Shore will get part of it. The rate was about thirteen cents from Chicago to New York.

The wheat is to go to Liverpool, and the through rate from Chicago to that port is 16.05 cents per bushel. At one time last week contracts were secured for a moderate quantity of grain at 15½ cents per bushel, which beats the record. About a month ago Leiter surprised the grain trade by taking freight room for 2,000,000 bushels with the Lehigh Valley and 1,000,000 bushels each with the Big Four and Chesapeake and Ohio. These, with his contract just made, bring his rail freight engagements up to 5,500,000 bushels. He has also contracted for ocean room at the seaboard this week for 4,000,000 bushels.

Blanche K. Bruce Dead.

Blanche K. Bruce, Register of the Treasury, ex-United States Senator and a colored political leader, died Thursday in Washington. Blanche K. Bruce was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, on March 1, 1841. He was of African descent and was born a slave, and received the rudiments of education from the tutor of his master's son. About six months ago he was appointed Register of the Treasury by President McKinley. Next after Fred Douglass, Mr. Bruce had long been regarded as perhaps the most conspicuous man of his race.

Chicago Woman's Fifth Hold-Up.

Mrs. Helen Tinsley was held up in the restaurant of Tinsley's Hotel, Chicago. The robber soon overpowered the woman, gagged her, and threw her under a stairway. As he left he struck her on the back of the head, stunning her and inflicting a severe wound. In attempting to steal her earnings the thug lacerated her ears. Four years ago Mrs. Tinsley was chloroformed, robbed and assaulted. This is her fifth experience with thugs.

$30,000 Toward the Cruiser.

The gala performance held at the Tacon Theatre in Havana, Cuba, to raise funds to buy a new cruiser for Spain produced $30,000. The house was packed with an enthusiastic and patriotic audience. Great precautions were taken to preserve order.

Expires at Family Worship.

The Rev. C. L. Van Allen, pastor of a Baptist Church in Schenectady, N. Y., was stricken with heart failure while at family worship and expired. In a sermon last Sunday Mr. Van Allen predicted that some other preacher would soon be occupying his pulpit.

Gomez Moving Up.

A letter from an insurgent sympathizer in Cuba says that Gomez evidently anticipates intervention by our Government and is moving toward the Spanish lines, where he can be in easy communication with Havana.

Moody's Revival in New York City.

Dwight L. Moody closed his eight days' revival services at Grand Central Palace, New York City. The audience was profoundly moved and hundreds shouted that they would accept Christ at once. The evangelist said that if the question, "Does the world want Christ?" was put to a popular vote Jesus would not carry a single precinct.

Hurrying Gun Carriages.

The Pond Machine Tool Company, of Plainfield, N. J., has received orders to hurry work on its orders for disappearing gun carriages for coast defense.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

MILK AND CREAM.

The average price paid for the surplus on the platforms has been 2½c ₱ qt. net to shipper. Receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows:

Average daily receipts of the week, fluid milk, cans	23,341
Condensed milk, cans	157
Cream, cans	463

BUTTER.

Creamery—West. extras, ₱	—	@	19
Firsts	18	@	18½
Thirds to seconds	15	@	17
State—Thirds to firsts	14	@	18
State Dairy tubs, extras	—	@	18
Imitation Creamery	14	@	17
Factory, fresh firsts	—	@	14½
Low grades	12	@	13

CHEESE.

State—Full cream, new, large	—	@	8
Small	8	@	8½
Part skims, good to prime	4½	@	5
Full skims	2	@	3

EGGS.

State and Penn—Fresh	—	@	10½
Jersey—Fancy	11	@	11½
Western—Choice	10½	@	10¾
Southern—Choice	—	@	10
Duck eggs, ₱ doz	18	@	24
Goose eggs, ₱ doz	—	@	60

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans—Marrow, choice, 1897	1 37½	@	1 40
Medium, choice, 1897	1 10	@	1 12½
Pea, choice, 1897	1 07½	@	1 10
Red kidney, choice, 1897	1 67½	@	1 70
White kidney, choice, 1897	—	@	1 50
Yellow eyes	—	@	1 30
Lima, Cal., ₱ 60 lbs	1 45	@	1 50
Green peas, bags	—	@	75

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples, Ben Davis, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	4 00
Greening, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	4 50
Baldwin, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	3 50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ₱ bbl	11 50	@	13 00
Jersey, ₱ bbl	8 00	@	10 00
Strawberries, Fla., ₱ qt	20	@	35

HOPS.

State—1897, choice, ₱ lb	18	@	18½
1896, prime	8	@	8½
Pacific Coast, 1897, choice	18	@	18½
Good to prime	16	@	17
Old odds	3	@	4½

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, ₱ lb	—	@	10
Chickens, ₱ lb	9	@	10
Roosters, ₱ lb	—	@	6
Turkeys, ₱ lb	10	@	11
Ducks, ₱ pair	50	@	75
Geese, ₱ pair	75	@	1 50
Pigeons, ₱ pair	25	@	30

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, ₱ lb	9	@	12

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Both Awake.

First Burglar—It's no use tryin thet place t'night, Bill. Ther man an his wife went in 'bout an hour ago, an I heerd him tell her he'd buy her a li'mond necklace termorrer.

Second Burglar—What's thet got t' do wid it?

First Burglar—Plenty. She won't be able t' sleep fer t'inkin 'bout it, an he won't sleep fer t'inkin how he's got t' pay fer it.—London Fun.

Suspicion.

"Do you remember that girl who came here and said that what she most desired was a good home?" asked the housewife.

"What is the matter now?" responded her husband. "Have you missed something else?"

"Yes. I guess she has a good home pretty nearly paid for by this time."—Washington Star.

A Truthful Statement.

An excellent and invaluable remedy, for the cure of cough, cold and hoarseness, is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and Mr. Jas. Hadfield, 350 West St., New York City, verifies this statement. He writes: "Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is a most excellent remedy for cough, cold and hoarseness, and I take great pleasure in recommending it to all, who require such a valuable household medicine." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

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The steamer Neuse leaves Elizabeth City Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:00 P. M., for Newbern, connecting with the A. & N. C. R. R. for Goldsboro, Kinston and Morehead City, and with the W. & N. R. R. for Jacksonville, Wilmington, N. C., etc., touching at Roanoke Island Tuesday and Thursdays. Returning, leave Newbern Monday, Wednesday and Friday, touching at Roanoke Island Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and Oriental Monday and Wednesday.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

The Court of Inquiry has made its report on the Maine affair. It states that its destruction was due to a submarine mine, but that it has been unable to fix the responsibility upon any person or persons. It was transmitted by the President to Congress on Monday, accompanied by a message with a calm review. At the close of its reading a wave of applause swept from floor to ceiling. It is believed that the demands of the President that hostilities and the butchery and starvation of Cubans shall at once cease will be agreed to by Spain. This will accomplish what right thinking American people especially desire; it will insure peace and the ultimate freedom of Cuba without the horrors of war.

We believe that the President knows more about the situation than any of his urgent critics. He may be trusted. "Trust in God" and keep your mouth shut is good advice to patriots whose zeal is more conspicuous than their discretion.

CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT.

The hands of President McKinley are being upheld by men of all parties in the crisis which confronts him and the nation in regard to Spain and Cuba. No President ever received a more strongly marked "vote of confidence" than did President McKinley when a Congress, composed of three distinct parties, two of whom had been united against him in the election less than eighteen months ago, acted unanimously in both Houses, placing $50,000,000 in his hands to expend as he might see fit in defense of the nation. Nor has there been a single instant or a single word in the days which have followed that remarkable action which have indicated any other than the patriotic spirit thus exhibited. Not only does this action indicate a high degree of loyalty on the part of every official thus voting, but complete confidence on their part in the judgment and wisdom and policy which President McKinley has developed in regard to this difficult question which has attracted so much attention since long before his election and inauguration.

NEW ENTERPRISES IN THE SOUTH.

The Manufacturers' Record of last week reports nearly a hundred new enterprises in the Southern States. Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia having eight each; Georgia and Texas nine each, and Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, South Carolina and Maryland a half dozen each. These new establishments include furniture factories, pottery works, shingle mills, clothing factories, hat manufacturing establishments, pump works, rubber manufactories, cotton mills, tobacco factories, carriage manufacturing establishments and various other enterprises. This accounts for the growing popularity of the protective theory in the South, where it was formerly unpopular.

Treasury experts estimate that there are now 2,000,000 silver dollars in circulation that were not coined at the government mints. Counting the actual cost of manufacturing a silver dollar at 50 cents, it will be seen that the issue of this bogus coin has netted its producers an aggregate profit of $1,000,000. That is one of the vicissitudes which the government suffers in putting too much fiat into his money.

Relief supplies for the starving Cubans are pouring in from every part of the country, and there is need for all that can be spared. America's legacy from the monster Weyler is an army of famishing victims of his cruelty who must be fed and clothed. This country aims at no conquest in Cuba save that which must be gained by charity.

It is pertinent to ask how long it will take Spain to conquer the United States, if, after the expenditure of millions of money, thousands of men and several years of time, it has not been able to subdue a handful of starving insurgents in Cuba Ofcourse, Spain knows that war with the United States must end in defeat and loss of Cuba.

It takes a brave man and an able man to go coolly and deliberately about his business and carry out the policy outlined while fanatics, demagogues and overenthusiastic patriots are shouting their opinions in his ears. Such a man is President McKinley.

There will be no European concert to interfere between this country and Spain. The old world nations have all they can do to provide music for their own performances.

The political outlook in the State is alarming the Bourbons.

THE CRIME OF PERJURY.

The CAROLINIAN agrees with a recent writer that the responsibility of the legal profession for the prevalence of the crme of perjury is very great. There are some lawyers who create evidence to aid their own cases. These constitute the most dangerous class of professtonal criminals, and we may hope it is very small. But there are many who will wink at and silently encourage perjury when it is on their side. Yet these men would scorn to receive stolen goods They quietly swallow the camel, but would be insulted if you offered them the gnat. This is because moral sentiment is more clearly defined with respect to receiving stolen goods than with respect to profiting from perjury.

We have had discussion in past years of the "South Carolina plan" and the "Mississippi plan" of dealing with the negro question. The Louisiana plan appears to be to allow the native white illiterate and the alien illiterate to vote, while disfranchising the black illiterate and depriving him and his children a fair chance to acquire education.

The report of the Commissioner of Patents shows that Connecticut is still the great field of modern invention, although some very designing men are to be found in all the adjacent States.

Uncle Sam is not only "sawing wood," and scattering chips, and hewing to the line, but is getting most of the timber in such sea-going shape that Spain will take to the woods at the first encounter.

Senator Proctor's recent speech was an unanswerable argument for a Cuban Republic and an assurance that the native Cubans have the ability to make it a prosperous little nation.

Pay as you go is the American policy of preparing for National defense. The programme of the Government is being conducted on a solid cash basis.

Administering the affairs of a big nation in war time is like carrying an umbrella on a windy day, a good many thinking they could manage it better than the one who has hold of the handle.

The Democratic State Convention has been called to be held at Raleigh on the 26th of May.

An Uncertain Disease.

There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter how severe, or under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. Browns' Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Mch. 25, 1898.

President McKinley will probably in the years to come look back upon the Cabinet meeting held to-day as the most momentous over which he presided, and it was, in fact, the most momentus Cabinet meeting held since the close of the civil war. The subject under discussion was the official report of the Naval Court of Inquiry on the destruction of the Maine, which is now in the custody of the President. The report will not be made public until after it has been ent to Congress, and it will not be sent to Congress until next week, but a number of the leading men in both branches of Congress have already been informed of the contents of the report, which is a long one. There may be surprises in the report, but it is well-nigh certain that its main purport will not surprise anybody. When the report is sent to Congress the President will also inform Congress of the nature of the communication he has sent to Spain concerning the report. Until then we must wait as patiently as we can.

Senators Gallinger and Thurston have added their testimony as eyewitnesses to that of Senator Proctor, as to the deplorable condition of affairs in Cuba and the necessity of immediate action on the part of this government in order to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent women and children, the victims of the inhuman policy of Spain. Senator Gallinger does not hesitate to openly advocate the annexation of Cuba, but if the administration and Congress deem it wise to go no further at this time than intervention he will accept that; provided that it shall be in the interest of Cuba, entirely independent of Spain in any way. Senator Thurston fully agrees with Senators Proctor and Gallinger that no settlement will be satisfactory that leaves the Spanish flag flying over any portion of Cuba, and that sentiment is also shared by the majority now in Congress.

Senator Cullom this week introduced the bill prepared by the National Business Men's League, which provides for the collection of 50 per cent. of all customs due in gold, in order that the government may be able to command assured income in gold at all times.

The Naval Appropriation bill now before the House indicates that this country intends to be prepared to hold its own in any fighting it may have to do. It provides for three battleships of the most formidable type, one to be named Maine; for five new dry docks; for six torpedo boats, and for six torpedo boat destroyers.

The naming of the two cruisers bought by the government in England, New Orleans and Albany, respectively, met with general approval.

The demand for a government publication is an unfailing indication of its importance, and that for the annual report of the Patent Office for 1887, prepared by Hon. A. P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner of Patents, is daily increasing, as the knowledge of its valuable contents becomes more widely disseminated. This report which may be had free by writing to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C., may not be so exciting as the war news of the day, but it is far more beneficial, both to the individual and to the country; it records the profitable triumphs of peace, as shown by the mighty industrial progress of America, in connection with the U. S. Patent system, the best as well as the cheapest in the world.

The combine of Democrats, Populists, and Silver Republicans, which was recently made for the purpose of helping along the election of free silver members of the next House, is about to go to pieces, if indeed, it has not already done so. The pops. and silver republicans have found out that the Democrats wanted their votes without giving them their share of the possible winnings. The original arrangement was that all of the pops. and silver republicans who now hold seats in the House were to be renominated and be supported by the full strength of the combine, and that no Democratic nominations for Congress were to be made in any district where a majority of the anti-republi can votes were not Democratic. Is now known that this agreement it to be broken by the democrats, ans the other parties to the combine are naturally objecting.

Senator Hanna has been so persistently misrepresented in connection with the Cuban question that he made a statement this week in which he said that he had been in favor of using every honorable method of maintaining peace with Spain solely because he dreaded the horrors of war and that he had no connection with the alleged syndicate formed for the alleged purpose of buying Cuba from Spain.

President McKinley has signed the bill for the relief of the families of the Maine victims, and of the survivors, which was unanimously passed by both branches of Congress.

OLD CATERER ON TERRAPIN.

When It Is Ready, the Satisfaction Is In "Eating It All Yourself."

James Prosser, a famous colored caterer of this city, dead long ago, furnished the following formula for preparing and serving terrapin, which was published in a gastronomi journal at the time when he was on earth:

"You can't enjoy terrapin unless the day is nippin. Temperature and terrapin go hand in hand. Now, as to your terrapin. Bless you, there is all the difference in the world in them. The more northerly is the terrapin found the better. You eat a Florida terrapin—you needn't despise it, for terrapin is terrapin everywhere—but you get a Chesapeake one or a Delaware bay one, or, better still, a Long Island one, and there is just the difference between $10 a dozen and $86. Warm water kinder washes the delicate flavor out of them. Don't you let Mr. Bergh know it, but your terrapin must be boiled alive. Have a good big pot, with a hot fire under it, so that he shan't languish, and when it has got on a full head of steam pop him in. What I am goin to give is a recipe for a single one. If you are awfully rich and go in for a gross of terrapin, just use your multiplication table. Just as soon as he caves in watch him and try his flippers. When they part when you pry them with your finger nail, he is good. Open him nicely with a knife. Bilin of him dislocates the snuffbox. There ain't overmuch of it, more's the pity. The most is in the jints of the legs and side lockers, but if you want to commit murder just you smash his gall, and then your terrapin is gone forever. Watch closely for eggs and handle them gingerly. Now, havin got him or her all into shape, put the meat aside. Take three fresh eggs—you must have them fresh. Bile 'em hard and mash 'em smooth. Add to that a tablespoonful of sifted flour, three tablespoonfuls of cream, salt and pepper (red pepper to a terrapin is just depravity) and two wineglasses of sherry wine. Wine as costs $2.50 a bottle ain't a bit too good. There never was a gotega in all Portugal that wouldn't think itself honored to have itself mixed up with a terrapin. Now you want quite a quarter of a pound of the very best fresh butter and put that in a porcelain covered pan and melt it first—mustn't be browned. When it's come to be oily, put in your terrapin, yolks of egg, wine and all. Let it simmer gently. Bilin up two or three times does the business. What you are after is to make it blend. There ain't nothin that must be too pointed in terrapin stew. It wants to be a quiet thing, a suave thing, just pervaded with a most beautiful and natural terrapin aroma. You must serve it to the people that eats it on a hot plate, but the real thing is to have it on a chafin dish, and though a man ought not to be selfish there is a kind of divine satisfaction in eatin it all yourself."—Philadelphia Times.

ANCIENT STUTTGART.

Postal and Traveling Accommodations of the Old German City.

The post relations of ancient Stuttgart were unpretentious. The two maid-servants of the postmaster distributed through the city the daily letters, which they carried in the same basket with the family marketing. Letters were carried out of the city by postilions. There was a number of couriers, and as a surety against mistakes there hung in the post-office, beside the curious mail bags, a huge whip, with which, when the commission had been given to the courier, a powerful blow for the strengthening of his memory was dealt him.

Coaches and post wagons were innocent of any suggestion of comfort—a high, clumsy wooden box was secured by thick leathern straps, and in the cavernous bottom were confined together packages and passengers. Up and down hill, over ruts and rocks, the cumbrous vehicle rattled on its way, the hapless travelers being ever on the defensive against the assaults of tumbling boxes and bundles. And then the weary slowness of the way! Formerly the journey from Stuttgart to Tubingen was made in 12 hours. The same journey is now made in four hours. The postilions alighted to take refreshments when it pleased them, and one traveler has left a dismal record of a journey that he once made, during which the driver took the horses from the carriage and attached them to a hay wagon that had been left mired in the mud. The man drove the wagon into the next village, and when there he joined the grateful neighbors in a carousal, while the tired passengers languished on the dusty country road.—Elise J. Allen in Harper's Magazine.

Too Much Like a Pun.

"No, sir," said the Kansas editor, "your services are no longer required."

"May I venture to ask why I'm discharged?"

"You're too blamed funny. That style may do in the blase and heartless east, but when you refer to a death in a cyclone as 'a terrible blow' to the family you overdo it out here."—Detroit [illegible]

Elizabeth City District—2nd Round.—R. A. Willis, P. E., Eliz. City, N. C.

Elizabeth City, at night	Mar.		20
Currituck, Hebron	"	26	27
Pantego, Bethany.	Apr.	2	3
North Gates, Hebron	"	9	10
Gates, Harrell's	"	10	11
Columbia, Wesley Chapel	"	16	17
Camden, McBride's	"		20
Dare, Stumpy Point	"	23	24
Kennekeet	May	1	3
Hatteras	"	7	8
Kitty Hawk	"	21	22
Roanoke, Mt. Olivet	"	29	30

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

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But thou art far away.

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By wood and stream and dell,
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Where tears of rapture fell,
And yet beneath these wildwood bowers
Dear thoughts my soul employ,
For in the memories of past hours
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Upon the air thy gentle words
Around me seem to thrill,
Like sounds upon the wind harp's chords
When all the winds are still,
Or like the low and soullike swell
Of that wild spirit tone
Which haunts the hollow of the bell
When its sad chime is done.

I seem to hear thee speak my name
In sweet, low murmurs now.
I seem to feel thy breath of flame
Upon my cheek and brow.
On my cold lips I feel thy kiss,
Thy heart to mine is laid—
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Like other dreams must fade!
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☞The pea crop is looking well.

☞Early planted potatoes are coming up.

☞The fruit trees are in bloom. If there is no late heavy frosts this will be a good fruit year.

☞The catches at the Fisheries have been generally good—all but the Gill nets; the clear water and the crabs have caused them to be almost a failure.

☞We acknowledge the receipt, from Senator Pritchard, of a copy of the Report of the Committee on Civil Service, including the testimony. It is voluminous, covering 1162 pages.

☞Mr. James Spires died very suddenly on Sunday. He had returned from Church, complained of feeling unwell, sat down and in a few moments fell over dead. His funeral took place on Monday evening. It was attended by the two tribes of Red Men, of which order he was a prominent member. He was a good citizen and a worthy man. His age was about 38 years.

☞It is rare that a Judge gives such entire satisfaction to all—the members of the Bar, litigants in Court and the general public—as does Judge Norwood. That he has a full and clear knowledge of the law, holds the scales of Justice in even balance and is absolutely fair in his rulings, conceded. Socially, he is genial and possesses the happy faculty of making everybody feel, as the saying has it, "is at home."

☞During the latter years of the residence here of the late Mrs. Constance Greene she took a deep interest in and devoted a good deal of time in efforts to have the Cemetery put and kept in proper condition. The work has been taken up by another noble-hearted woman, Mrs. Mollie Fearing. Through her indefatigable efforts a wire fence is being put up on the east and west sides of the Cemetery, thus neatly enclosing it. A meeting of ladies was held at Mrs Pailin's on Monday evening at which a "Cemetery Society" was organized. The next meeting will be held on the 7th of April at the home of Mrs. Ehringhause, on Fearing street.

☞Our Superior Court occupied the whole of last week. A synopsis of the cases disposed of appears in another column. The time consumed in the Brown case made it impossible to take up any of the other cases on the Civil docket. As there are a large number of these, some of them important, we understand the County Commissioners will be requested to make application to the Governor for a special term, to be held in July. The business in the Courts of this County is such that one week is not sufficient; we should have two.

☞What will hereafter be known as the "Brown case," which was tried here last week, excited a good deal of interest, the Court House being crowded during the trial. The parties are among the prominent colored people of our City. The suit was brought by Mrs. Lizzie A. Brown against her father-in-law, Jessie R. Brown, for $15,000 damages for alieniating the affections of her husband James W. Brown, and causing him to leave her. She is an exceedingly bright and intelligent woman and she was able to successfully parry the learned counsel cross-examining her. Her story, if true, is a pitiful one, charging the defendant with bad treatment and with causing her husband to forsake and leave her. The defendant denied the charges and, among others, he was corroborated by his wife, Mrs. Aramitta Brown, who, by the way, deported herself in a manner impressing all that she was not only instinctively modest but that she was also intellectual and cultured. The lawyers utterly failed in their attempts to disconcert her. The husband denied the statements of the plaintiff; denied that he was influenced by his father in the steps he took, but testified that it was caused by the long continued unbearable conduct of the plaintiff. A number of citizens, white and colored, testified to the good character of the defendant. The attorneys for the plaintiff were J. Heywood Sawyer and E. F. Aydlett; for the defendant, G. W. Ward, T. G. Skinner and W. D. Pruden—all skillful lawyers and rarely has there been abler speeches to a Pasquotank jury. The charge of the Judge was impartail. The jury was out all Friday night and did not agree until Saturday morning, giving the plaintiff $800. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

——The deportment of the parties and witnesses favorably impressed the Judge with our colored people. He says that their intelligence and demeanor was a surprise to him. The truth is, taken as a whole, no town has a better, more respectable and more respected class of colored people than Elizabety City. We say it because they are entitled to it.

☞Chowan Court at Edenton next week. We expect to be there.

☞See "Shingles" advertised by the East Coast Cedar Company.

☞Fish and Oysters at the City Fish and Oyster Market, opposite Swain's Hotel. 'Phone No. 123.
T. T. Whitcomb.

☞There will be a party of New Jersey editors here on the 5th of May. Further notice will be given.

☞Mrs. Nancy Sawyer, a very estimable lady residing near Berea, died on the 20th inst, aged 69 years.

☞Success is a swinging door; it has no knob, and you can only get on the other side by having "push."

☞Dress Goods at a price to please all this Fall at Fowler & Co.'s

☞On the 20th inst, at South Mills, Mr. G. W. Burnham and Miss Bettie Bass were united in the bonds of matrimony.

☞Judge Norwood is holding Perquimaus Court at Hertford this week. We learn that both the State and Civil dockets are light.

☞Solicitor Leary, in charge of the State docket last week, discharged his duty with characteristic industry and abilty, and successfully, too.

☞Plants and Selects at the City Fish and Oyster Market, opposite Swain's Hotel.

☞Rev. B. C. Krupp will sell at public sale, at his residence on Riverside, on Saturday next, a lot of personal property. See posters.

☞Shoes! Shoes and Boots. Fowler & Co. bought before the advance and will give you the benefit

☞Prof. T. H. Briggs, of the Atlantic Collegiate Institute of this City, delivered an interesting address at the Teachers' Institute recently organized at Camden Court House.

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☞W. S. Mercer, Chaplain of the Farmers' State Alliance, will speak at Sawyersville on Friday night at 7 o'clock p. m., at Okisko on Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., and at Eden ton next Monday.

☞That Kid Glove Moses Weisel is celling for 79c is a corker.

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☞W. A. Harris, Master of the schooner Ella Creef, reports that the vessel was sunk on the night of the 20th inst, by running against a log at Point channel, near Powell's Point. The vessel was raised by the Filena and was brought to Elizabeth City for repairs.

☞We see that Congressman Skinner, in company with Marshal Parks, called at the War and Navy Departments a few days ago in relation to the Inland Waterway from Norfolk to Florida. He believes that Congress will yet authorize the work.

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☞It doesn't make any difference how much cultivation a man has, or how much reading he has done, he will receive impressions much more quickly and forcibly from short, clear sentences than he will from long, involved periods, containg unusually long words.

☞During the discussion of the Naval appropriation bill in the House on Thursday last, Mr. Skinner made an eloquent and patriotic speech. Among other things he refered to the war preparations, and said that almost every country in Europe was voting money to augment its military establishments for possible conflict, and that Spain was "hawking its depreciated credit in every market to secure means for defense." He closed as follows:

Mr. Chairman, in this solemn, serious and anxious moment the American in the White House should, as he does, command our unqualified sympathy, confidence and approval. Divided as we may be politically, racially or sectionally, at the water's edge we are one, and our unity is represented by that emblem; and our President and Commander-in-Chief—his policy shall be our policy, his settlement or action shall be ours also-He has carried with him to prayer, to church, to private and official relation in life the secrets and responsibilities of the crisis. He has demeaned himself with Christian patience, fortitude and consummate statesmanship, so as to receive the approval of his people and the respect and admiration of the civilized world. We can trust him to develope his own policy; that policy we are sure will be a humane, liberty-loving, broad American policy, such as all Christendom will applaud and approve.

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Grandma used to spin, but now
Grandma doesn't care to;
Fact is, wheels have altered so,
Grandma doesn't dare to.

—Mrs. M. H. White, of Hertford, spent several days in the city last week visiting friends.—"I had an awful scare the other evening while out for a walk with Will," said a certain city belle. "How?" she was asked. "Why, we met a minister and Will asked him to join us," was the reply.—Several of our citizens went to Newport News on Thursday to witness the launching of the battleships Kearsage and Kentucky. They report that it was a grand sight.—It is said that if you would know what kind of a temper a woman has just take a wet dog into her parlor.—Mr. Wm. H. Gish, of Slatington, Pa., who, with his wife and daughter, have been spending several weeks here left for home on Friday. He called and gave us "good bye." He expressed himself as delighted with our town and people, and said that his visit here has been a very pleasant one. His wife and daughter will remain here for some time.—Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be done.—Says the Poet:

The happiest heart that ever beat
Was in some quiet breast,
That found the common daylight
And left to Heaven the rest. [sweet

—The fact that a clergyman marries many women doesn't make him a bigamist.—The Grand Jury last week were diligent and tried to perform their duty. Their investigations resulted in the finding of some twenty-five "true bills."—It is so easy to wound a tender heart and so hard to blot out the memory of the hurt.—"How did you get your clothes so badly torn?" little Willie was asked by his mamma. "Tryin' to keep a little boy from being licked," was Willie's answer. "That was a brave deed. Who was the boy?" "Me."—Judge Norwood speaks highly complimentary of our Bar, its ability and the courties shown him and extended to each other. Though a staunch Republican, even our Democratic lawyers and editors admit and say that he is an able lawyer and a good Judge.—A citizen on being asked, "Going to fill an engagement with your dentist?" replied, "No! he's going to do the filling."—Old Dryden said:

Errors, like straws,
Upon the surface flow;
He who would seek for pearls
Must dive below.

—After getting through with Court on Saturday, Judge Norwood paid us a pleasant visit, and an hour or so was entainingly spent. He is one of the ablest lawyers and best Judges in the State. He says he likes our town and people. He remained here over Sunday and left on Monday morning's train for Hertford, where he is holding Court this week.—A Second Ward young lady said a certain young man reminded her of a chrysanthemum. "In what respect?" she was asked. "Oh, he's nice to look at, but he hasn't a cent."—"The Real Widow Brown," play at Lowry's Academy on Friday night, gave everybody a good, hearty laugh.—The removal of the Market House to Martin street is *news* to the Town authorities.—Writes the Bard:

Oh, many a shaft at random sent
Finds mark the archer little meant;
And many a word at random spoken
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

—The face of Mr. W. J. Woodley, the popular Water street Grocer, is beaming with smiles. It's a boy.—Mrs. Geo. E. Broderick, of Greensboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex. Wadsworth, on Fearing street.—Deputy Sheriff J. S. Wilcox left on Monday for Raleigh with the convict sentenced to the Penetentiary.—Our citizens have been considerably excited over the "war news," but the latest reports from Washington is allaying it. We believe that the President, if not interfered with, will settle the matter honorably and right.—"Here is something that will cure you when everything else fails," said the druggist. "Oh, I don't want to waite so long," said the customer.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning an old dwelling house on Ehringhaus street was destroyed by fire.

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A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Billousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. See our big ad.

PASQUOTANK COURT.

At the Court here last week the State cases were disposed of as follows:

Paul Brinkley plead guilty of larceny and was sentenced six months in the Penetentiary.

In the following cases judgment was suspended on payment of costs: Aaron Johnson, injuring stock; Henry McCleese and Sansbury Riddick, carrying concealed weapon; and Edward Markham and James Palmer, affray.

The following were nol prossed: Charles Thompson and Robert Gray, affray; Mary Davis, bigamy; Wiley Robinson, carrying concealed weapon and affray; James Brown, assault; John Gordon, abandonment of wife; F. Pruschanskin, assault; Isaac Whedbee, false pretense; W. M. Baxter, forcible tresspass; Edward Reed, removing crops; Ambrose Bright, assault with deadly weapon. Ambrose Bright and Margaret Griffin were tried for fornication and adultery and were acquitted; so was David Barnes who was tried for assault with deadly weapon.

The case on the Civil docket tried was Brown vs Brown, referred to in another column. The case of R. C. Evans vs O. B. and Nannie E. Baker was removed to Dare.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable Court:—Your Grand Jury beg leave to make the following report:

We have visited the County Buildings and report on same as follows: We find the jail in fair condition. There is a defect in one of the partition walls which should be fixed. The appearance of the out buildings and fences could be greatly improved by having them white-washed and we would recommend that this be done. There is but one prisoner in the jail, and upon private examination he states that he is provided with wholesome food and proper bedding.

We have examined the Court House and find it in good repair. We notice that the walls are somewhat defaced with chalk marks. We recommend that these be removed and the Court Room be given a thorough cleaning and that part of the room occupied by the Bar and the aisles be carpeted with a new carpet. A previous jury has recommended that a water closet be erected in the rear of the Court House. We consider this a necessity and urge that it be done. The one now used under the main stair-way should, by all means be abandoned. We find that floor in all the rooms is being damaged by cutting wood on it. We think this should not be done. The clock is found to be in good condition.

We find twenty-four inmates in the Alms House—twenty colored and four white. They are as well provided for as could be expected under the circumstances. The old main building was burned some time since, and at present the inmates are uncomfortably crowded into the small buildings which were not burned. We report, however, that a new house is in course of construction which is all that could be wanted. It is large, well planned and in every respect a modern, convenient and substantial building. The County Commissioners will, no doubt, furnish the building with suitable furniture and we would recommend that that they purchase neat iron furniture, such as is generally used in similar buildings. The property should be enclosed with a new substantial fence. The inmates, upon examination, state that they are well provided for.

Supervisors of the following townships have made their reports: M. B. Culpepper, Elizabeth City; John T. Davis, Salem, and T. S. Onley, Mt. Hermon. A number of magistrates have made no report.

We find that no Guardian has been appointed for the heirs of the late G. T. Liverman. They have property in Elizabeth City to the amount of about six hundred dollars ($600.)

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OUR COLORED PEOPLE

BY SPECIAL REPORTER.

[Items of interest concerning the Colored People will regularly appear in this column.]

Mr. George Baker returned Saturday to his home at Manteo.

Rev Anderson spent last week with friends in Edenton.

A number of our friends are on the sick list just now. For all such we wish a speedy restoration to health.

Rev. H. B. Pettigrew, of Edenton, spent last week here attending court.

W. H C. Brown, esq., a successful attorney of Norfolk, paid this city a brief visit last week.

Hon. Judson Lyons, of Indiana, has been appointed by President McKinley to succeed the late B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury.

A Ministerial Union (Baptist) has recently been organized here and will hold weekly meetings.

Mr. J. W. Holly, of the "Daily Recorder," Norfolk, Va., spent several days of last week here.

The appointment of Dr. John Taylor Williams, of Charlotte, this State, as Consul to Sierra Leone, Africa, has been confirmed by the Senate.

Mrs. Lucy Randall has returned to her home near Williamston, after having spent a short while visiting friends in our community.

Why not allow brother, friend, husband or father carry the news of the court room to the home? The scenes, circumstances and language attendant upon court are not at all times congenial to woman's refined and sensitive nature. Oh! woman, be content in thy sphere.

Mrs. Mary Skinner, who has been sick for several months, died on last Friday evening at her home on Culpepper street. The funeral, which was well attended, took place at Mt. Lebanon on Sunday with Rev. Anderson officiating.

The Brown vs. Brown case was heard in Court here last week. The trial occupied about four days, at the end of which the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, fixing the damages at $800. We are informed that the defendant will take an appeal to the Supreme Court. This case has been before the public for some time, and this last trial attracted more than usual attention. Some of the developments were quite sensational.

The Lord's Supper was partaken of by a large number of communicants at Olive Branch Church on Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Faulk, of Hertford, occupied the pulpit of Corner Stone Church on Sunday and delivered two interesting sermons.

Christian Aid Society attended Mt. Lebanon Church Sunday night in a body and listened to the annual sermon by Rev. Anderson.

Preparations for Easter are now in order. Some of the Sunday Schools are arranging special programs.

Mrs. Jane Smith, who has been spending a few days in our community, leaves to-day for her home in Berkley.

Mr. Georgr Owens, from New York, is here on a brief visit to his old hold.

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The best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilbains-Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c per box. For sale by Alex. Wadsworth

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher M.D.

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Unusual good value in Plain and Fancy Spring and Summer Dress Goods at Fowler & o's

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Before buying your Hosiery, examine the prices and qualites at Fowler & o's.

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Curled Horsehair For Market.

South America furnishes the greatest amount and best quality of curled horsehair, used for filling mattresses and stuffing furniture. On the wide pampa many thousands of horses are bred especially for the hair of their manes and tails. These, between the round-ups, which sometimes do not occur in three or four seasons, grow to great length, but owing to the lack of care and the state of the "camps," as the open country is called, the hair is usually tangled in what seems an inextricable mass. All over the camps grow many kinds of burrs and thistles, and the animals as they graze or roll themselves about become covered with them. Their coats are naturally rough, the hair growing in an uneven, shaggy way. Stuck all over with burrs and with mane and tail matted into nearly unwieldy masses, the poor creatures present a comical appearance. After they are shorn they seem to delight in the freedom of cropped necks and short tails.

The hair when cut off is freed from dirt and roughness of all kinds and wound into ropes, by which means it is made curly. It sell for 38 cents or 48 cents a pound. The longest strands are kept separated, and used for horsehair furniture, cloths, etc.—New York Tribune.

Where All Kissed Their Escorts.

The diversions of New Yorkers of the last century were very much milder than are those of the present day. "In winter a century ago," Mrs.-Burton Harrison writes in the Ladies' Home Journal, "when not assembled for skating upon the Collect, the favorite amusement of Hans and Katrina seems to have been a sleighing frolic in Jan Derickson's four-horse sledge to Harlem, where they had a dance and a supper at the hostelry of Myaheer Borsum. Ten couples ('packed close, as it suiteth young men and maidens to ride,' said the old chronicler) was the sleigh-load; and after a repast of bread and hot chocolate, concluding some hours capering to the fiddlers' strains, the party returned to town. Speeding by moonlight over hard-frozen roads, past manor house and cottage wrapped in deep repose, the chief adventure of the return was apt to be a stop on the Kissing Bridge (at Second avenue and Fiftieth street, across the rivulet flowing from Tea Water Spring), at which point custom allowed the cavalier to demand of the lady he escorted the privilege of a special salutation. Unless this toll were yielded the cortege came to a halt, or else it turned in another direction."

Rekindling the Beacons.

The lighthouses of Smyrna, whose lights were extinguished at the breaking out of the Turko-Grecian war, have been relighted, and their beacon lights are again streaming across the blue waters of the Mediterranean in welcome warning to the mariner.

American Eagle's Birth.

The eagle first appeared on the seal of the United States in a design submitted to Congress by William Barton, of Philadelphia, in 1782. The device was adopted June 20 of that year.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

During 1897 Mexico exported $42,000,000 worth of minerals.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. $2 trial bottle and treatise free. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

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Greatest, Because in cases of Dyspepsia it has a touch like magic, which just hits the spot, brings relief to the sufferer, and gives tone and strength to the stomach as no other medicine does.

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CUBA'S WOES DESCRIBED.

Senator Gallinger Tells What He Saw in the Island.

SPAIN'S WAR OF STARVATION.

Four Hundred and Twenty Thousand Cubans Have Died of Starvation and 205,000 More Must Inevitably Die—The Time Has Come, the Senator Says, For Spain to Leave This Hemisphere.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—A vivid word picture of the horrors and barbarities of concentration on the island of Cuba was drawn in the Senate Wednesday by Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire. The Senator recently visited Cuba to study the condition of the reconcentrados and to ascertain the facts concerning the general Cuban question. It was known that Mr. Gallinger was to speak and long before the Senate met the galleries were packed. Notwithstanding the crowded galleries, there was a minimum of noise and confusion. When the spectators addressed one another they spoke in whispers, and during the proceedings it was so quiet that ordinary conversation might have been heard throughout the chamber.

Mr. Gallinger spoke in a low, clear tone of voice, distinctly audible throughout the chamber. There was not a word of interruption throughout his speech. His auditors listened intently to his description of the horrors and cruelties suffered by the reconcentrados, but gave no outward manifestation of their feelings. When he declared, however, that a Government that would starve 400,000 of its people would do anything, and followed this with the further declaration that the lives of the brave men lost in the Maine disaster could not be atoned for with gold or silver, a spontaneous wave of applause swept over the galleries, and the Vice-President had difficulty in restoring order.

A vivid picture was then drawn by Mr. Gallinger of a trip to the city of Matanzas. All along the route were wretched people in rags, but not until the city was reached was the full extent of the suffering realized.

"The truth is," he said, "that Weyler devised a scheme of human suffering and horror that put Dante's 'Inferno' into the shade and converted a contented, prosperous people into a herd of suffering, starving unfortunates.

"The scenes in the streets of Havana are harrowing beyond description. People in want and suffering are everywhere seen and walking skeletons meet one on every hand. Naked children, emaciated and ragged women and diseased and starving men throng the streets, the hotel lobbies and every place of public resort. It is a terrible sight—one that sickens the heart and quickens every impulse of human sympathy and love.

"The number of people who have starved in Cuba will never be definitely known," went on Mr. Gallinger. "It is estimated that 800,000 were driven from their homes into the cities and towns.

"I had it from Spanish authority that according to their figures 225,000 already have perished, but it is said that the Red Cross Society is in possession of figures showing that 420,000 Cubans have died as a result of Spanish cruelty from starvation, and that 200,000 more must inevitably die."

Mr. Gallinger said there was little real loyalty to Spain in Cuba, as would be demonstrated when the hour of trial should come. Discussing the subject of Spanish rule Mr. Gallinger referred to the matter of taxation.

"No people on the face of the earth," said he, "have been so oppressed. The treasury of Spain is literally supplied from the revenues extorted from Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

"Our forefathers went to war because the mother country put a tax on tea. Cuba has 10,000 more reasons than we had for rebellion and she deserves the sympathy and help of every true American.

"American interests in Cuba," said the Senator in conclusion, "have already suffered enough. We have patrolled our coast in the interest of Spain as long as we should and we have spent quite too much money in protecting our people from epidemic diseases coming to our shores because of the unsanitary condition of the harbor and city of Havana. Spain has failed to meet the requirements of an advanced civilization. Let the United States or Cuba take up the problem and solve it."

When he concluded there was a tremendous burst of applause, which the Vice-President made little effort to restrain.

FRESHETS IN FIVE STATES.

Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia Suffer.

Five States are suffering from severe floods—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Railroad bridges have been washed out in every direction, miles and miles of railroad track and farming lands are under water, and many people are in danger of their lives. The usual spring thaws, augmented by unusually heavy rains caused the disaster.

At Greensburg, Ind., Will Shane and Clara Miller, who were to have been married, were swept away while crossing a stream and were drowned. The property loss in and about Greensburg will reach $200,000. At Shelbyville the loss will be equally large, the residence part of the town being flooded. Among the other Indiana towns affected are Lebanon, Rushville, Richmond, Westport, St. Paul, Manchester, Wabash, Terre Haute and Indianapolis. It is thought the total loss in Indiana will reach fully $1,000,000.

Ohio has suffered almost as badly as Indiana. At Dayton fully three-fourths of the city is inundated. The levee of the Great Miami broke north of the city and within an hour the lower portions of North Dayton were submerged. Shortly after the entire suburb was under water, and over 1000 householders were compelled to abandon their homes. Thousands were rescued, though as many were compelled to remain. The City Lighting Department is disabled and the entire city is in darkness. The loss will run up into the hundreds of thousands. At Columbus three square miles of the city is under water, including many manufacturing concerns and tenement houses—a total of over 600 buildings. Many families had to be rescued in boats.

The flood has already destroyed property in the State of Ohio of the value of $10,000,000. The loss in Indiana is estimated at $1,000,000, and in Illinois at half that sum. Sixteen lives are reported lost.

The Muskingum, Miami and Scioto Rivers are over their banks and have submerged millions of acres of bottom lands. Thousand of families are homeless and destitute. Railroad traffic is paralyzed due largely to the destruction of bridges.

Spain and the Cushing Protocol.

The Spanish Colonial Minister denies the validity of the Cushing protocol. Madrid correspondents report a growing disposition there to renounce that supplementary interpretation of the treaty of 1795. It is the sole protection from drumhead court-martial and summary shooting of American citizens in Cuba accused of sedition or conspiracy.

Senate Passes Relief Bill.

The Senate at Washington unanimously and without debate passed the bill providing for the relief of the families of the Maine victims.

Bacon's Peace Resolution.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, introduced in the United States Senate a resolution declaring it the desire of the Government and people to have peace in the present crisis if consistent with National honor, but avowing their readiness to protect their material interests at any cost should it become necessary.

Killed by Dynamite.

A dynamite magazine at Hillsville, Ohio, exploded, wrecking the building and causing a panic in Lowellville. It is supposed the magazine was struck by lightning. It is reported that a man named Welsh, his wife and six children were killed.

Thirty Go Down Through a Bridge.

A special from Columbus, Ind., says a wrecking train on the Pennsylvania Railroad near there went through a bridge with thirty men aboard. About half a dozen were rescued. The rest are drowned. The place where the train went down is entirely surrounded by water, and rescue was only by means of skiffs. One man was drowned trying to reach the train in a skiff.

A Federal Capital For Australia.

The Federal Convention has adopted the proposal that the capital of Australia be Federal territory, like Washington, the existing capitals being excluded.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The House settled the election contest in the Fourth Virginia District by unseating Mr. Epes and giving his place to Mr. Thorp.

The naval auxiliary board decided to recommend the purchase of the Morgan Line steamship Chalmette for use, in case of war, as a repair ship to follow the fleet.

Civil Engineer Mordecai T. Endicott was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Navy Department.

Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, declares that we are on the verge of war with Spain. He ascribes the crisis chiefly to the recent speech of Senator Proctor describing Spanish cruelties in Cuba.

Domestic.

J. C. Handy, J. Wood and E. Studley, three Falmouth fishermen, were found dead in a room at the Manhattan House at New Bedford, Mass. Death had been caused by gas asphyxiation.

Considerable excitement has been occasioned by the finding of $16,000 in gold and silver coin by some men who were repairing an old house in the west end of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A dead baby was found tied to the bushes on the banks of the Delaware, in Camden, N. J., where it had been drowned by the rising tide.

The Government bought at New York the steel sea-going tug De Witt C. Irvine and secured an option on her sister tug.

Plans have been made by which at least 5,000,000 pounds of provisions will leave this country for the starving reconcentrados of Cuba.

Ensign Roscoe Spear jumped overboard from the cruiser Montgomery at Key West, Fla., and rescued a sailor who was drowning. He nearly lost his life in the attempt.

New Jersey National Guard Captains reported the condition of their commands at Trenton. Practically the whole force is ready to leave the State.

St. Paul (Minn.) banks have lost $300,000 by frauds through the suspected collusion of Government clerks connected with the commission having in charge the improvements on the Upper Mississippi River.

The separate companies of New York State militia have been formed into seven battalions, so that these scattered forces can be quickly mobilized.

Henry Braun, a pugilist, of Trenton, N. J., died in St. Francis Hospital, the result of a blow inflicted by Jack Smith, at the Palace Sporting Club, Trenton.

The plan which the Cuban insurgents will follow in the event of war being declared between the United States and Spain was outlined by a Cuban Junta official in New York City. The leaders in the field, he said, do not think it will be necessary to disembark an American soldier. They declare that if a fleet blockades the harbor the Cuban Army will be able to do the rest.

Owners of property at Sheepshead Bay and Flatlands, on Long Island near New York City, complain that, owing to the war scare and the unprotected condition of that part of the coast, there is little demand for summer cottages this year. They have petitioned the Government to erect fortifications in that neighborhood.

The German-American Building, at Nassau and Liberty streets, New York City, was exchanged for three other valuable office buildings, the entire transaction involving $5,000,000 worth of city realty.

In the Municipal Assembly of New York City the appropriation of $50,000 for Charter Day was defeated.

The United States Government has increased its orders for cavalry horses. Rufus E. Eddy, of Cameron, Mo., is in Kansas City buying all the horses suitable for cavalry or artillery purposes that he can find. He represents John D. Guyton & Co., of St. Louis, who hold most of the Government's Western contracts for these purchases.

The Alpha Portland Cement Works, at Whittaker, Penn., received orders from the Government for 1000 barrels a day of cement to be used for forts and battelges along the Atlantic coast. The order runs for one year. The Government wants a lot immediately and the company is to send 2000 and 3000 barrels a day during the present emergency.

Two prisoners at the Dedham (Mass.) House of Correction sawed their way out of their cells, overpowered a guard, robbed the safe of $2500 and three revolvers, and then escaped.

Six powerful guns, four of which weigh 57,000 pounds each, were put aboard the schooner Daisy Farlin, at New York, for shipment to Key West for the Government.

The Holland submarine boat was tested in the Kill Von Kull channel, with entirely satisfactory results, the boat traveling well while entirely submerged.

A shooting affray arising out of a quarrel at Ducketts Creek, Ky., resulted in the death of the three principals and the wounding of two bystanders.

Ex-Coroner E. B. Coombs, of Kings County, Brooklyn, was sentenced to serve a year and seven months in the penitentiary and pay a fine of $1000.

The entertainment given at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City, in aid of the fund for the erection of a monument to the sailors who lost their lives on the Maine realized over $8000.

It is said that an order has been issued for closing all the saloons in Alaska, and that Governor Brady has received authority from Washington for carrying out the order. Collector Ivey took no action in this direction, but he closed the brewery at Skaguay.

Work is advancing rapidly on the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha, Neb.; the demand for space from exhibitors is large.

Charles Beil, of New York City, shot and killed himself in a cemetery in Long Island City, on the grave of his daughter, who died seventeen years ago.

The primary elections in Pennsylvania resulted in an overwhelming indorsement of Senator Quay.

George Bryan, twelve years old, of Arlington, N. J., was blinded for life by being burned by molten lead which he intended to make into cannon balls to use against Spain.

Foreign.

China refuses to accept Russia's pledge that Port Arthur will not be occupied permanently and has asked for France's guarantee. Russia, it is believed, will seize Port Arthur and Ta-lien-wan unless China accedes to her demands.

The London Chronicle says the long cabinet council on Monday was to consider an intimation from the Marquis of Salisbury of his desire to resign the Premiership and the Foreign Secretaryship.

The Chinese militia have prevented the execution of the murder of an American missionary student at Chung-king-fu, and the foreign Consuls have taken the matter up.

The French met with a serious reverse in Madagascar, six officers and 100 men being killed.

Li Hung Chang and Chang Yin Huan have been appointed China's representatives at the conference to secure a modification of Russia's demands.

General Pando's mission of peace to the Cuban insurgents failed, and hostilities have been resumed, with the Spanish forces at some disadvantage in point of position.

The divers at the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor succeeded in getting out two six-inch guns and some ammunition from the after magazine.

The Spanish Government has received its report on the blowing up of the American warship Maine, which it is withholding until the report of the United States Board of Inquiry is received. The Spanish report may then be issued in an amended form.

The Austrian Reichsrath reopened at Vienna amid scenes of tumult and a proposition to impeach Count Badeni, the late Premier.

Juan de Dios Romero, a captain of the insurgent army under General Perico Delgado, was caught by the police at Jesus del Monte, Havana, Cuba. Papers were found on him which prove that he came on a commission to Havana from the insurgents.

China, it is said, has offered to lease Ta-Lien-Wan to Russia and to grant certain railway concessions on condition that she be permitted to hold Port Arthur. The negotiations between China and France have been postponed temporarily. The British fleet of warships on the China station has been augmented.

Lady Brooke, Countess of Warwick, gave birth in England to a son after undergoing the Schenk sex treatment with a view to that result.

A Johannesburg newspaper says that war between the Transvaal and England is inevitable unless the latter renounces her claim to suzerainty.

It is believed in Havana that the latest attempt to get the insurgents to submit to the scheme of "amplified autonomy" will be a failure.

Commander Brownson, now in England, ordered the Almirante Abrouall, bought by the United States from Brazil, to be completed with all possible despatch. He examined the Chilean cruiser O'Higgins and four cruisers nearly completed for China and Japan.

LOVELL DIAMONDS STAND THE TEST.

Board of Experts So Decide.

Remarkable Investigation From Which the Lovell Diamond Bicycle Came Out Ahead of All Competitors.

Where there are so many makes of bicycles on the market, all of which at first sight seem to be on an equal footing to the casual observer, and still the fact is well known that there is no article in common use where it is so easy for the manufacturer to cover up the imperfections as in the bicycle, both in material and workmanship, and which cannot be detected until the machine has been given a test on the road, such an investigation as has just been completed by the best experts in the country, under the supervision of the Western Review of Commerce, is likely to be of great value to the riding public. The honor of producing the best wheel among the thirty-seven well-known makes that were tested fell to the old established house of John P. Lovell Arms Co., of Boston, Mass., manufacturers of the celebrated Lovell Diamond. The investigation was made in a thorough manner by competent experts in the construction of wheels, and before them were placed thirty-seven of the

COLONEL BENJAMIN S. LOVELL.
President of the John P. Lovell Arms Co.

leading makes. The machines were all marvels of the most recent ideas of mechanical construction, and were brought together without the slightest intimation or knowledge to the manufacturers that such a test was to take place. The practical experts composing the investigating board gradually weeded the machines down to a small number, and, after several days of careful testing of the relative merits of the machines, they were unanimous in their verdict that the Lovell Diamond was undoubtedly the best wheel made and so reported to the paper, the president of which immediately wrote the J. P. Lovell Arms company informing the latter of the investigation made and the decision reached, and this was the first intimation that the Lovell company had of the matter. The statement that the Lovell Diamond is the best bicycle built is based upon the fact that every part of the machine is made at their own factory. Previous to and including 1895 the machine bearing the name of the Lovell Diamond was manufactured for the John P. Lovell Arms Co. by outside parties, but beginning with the season of 1897, every part of every machine bearing their name plate has been constructed at the factory of the John P. Lovell Arms Co. at South Portland, Maine. This fact easily accounts for the proven supremacy of the "Lovell Diamond" over all other leading makes of the world. The Lovell Arms Company have three stores in Boston, Washington street, Broad street and Massachusetts avenue, and branch stores in Worcester, Mass., Providence, R. I., Pawtucket, R. I., Portland and Bangor, Me., besides having agents in nearly every city and town throughout the country. Their new catalogue, "Famous Diamonds of the World," free on application.

Boarded by a Big Tarpon.

Recently a peculiar incident happened to the steamer Florida, which runs from Pensacola to Choctawhatchie. On her trip up the steamer had a lighter in tow and one lashed alongside, and in some mysterious way a tarpon or silver fish got fast between the steamer and the lighter which she had alongside, and in trying to free itself jumped aboard the steamer. The monster weighed 175 pounds and measured six feet and four inches in length.—Pensacola (Fla.) Star.

Two of a Kind.

The last of the Bass bandits has been killed and the people of New Mexico breathe freely and without a certain apprehension of evil for the first time in thirteen years. He was a bad man, and the officers did valiant service to their State when they laid him low. But it took three good lives to pay for his own, for when the two members of Black Jack's gang who were with him put spurs to their bronchos and galloped away over the trail, Frank Ophallard coolly dismounted and, swinging his Winchester into its place, killed three of the Sheriff's posse before a man had a chance to send a bullet into his heart. Then one of the guards fired and the bandit fell—smilingly, and towards them. But they had not moved a dozen feet when a woman darted out of the woods and, with a low cry, sprang toward the dead man and threw herself down upon his crimsoned breast. She was not fair or young; the wild and hunted life in the mountains is not apt to leave a woman's face tender or comely; and her hair hung in gray masses over her shoulders.

A moment she bent over the outlaw, making the pitiful, inarticulate cries of a dumb creature grieving; then she turned her hopeless eyes on the law's representatives.

"So ye've killed him at last, have ye?" she said. "I knowed it was comin' an' I tol' him. But would he harken? Never! Ye think ye had a right to kill him like a wolf in a trap? Well, while I'm left the gang ain't quite gone, I tell ye!"

She raised the bandit's rifle and, before they dreamed of what she would do, sent a ball, another, and another whizzing; then, as the three shots went wild, she threw it down, and snatching a knife from her garter, raised it in one dark, sinewy arm and plunged it in her bosom.

So Frank Ophallard went down to death on the Mexican border; and so the woman who had loved him bore him company.—Chicago Journal.

A House Set on Fire by a Poultice.

Fire insurance companies have all sorts of experiences and their officers can tell many curious stories. One of the queerest fires fell within the business of the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company, of this city, recently.

A house was set on fire by a bathtub and the tub was set on fire by a poultice. A man in a Western city was suffering from a bad cold, and his wife, at the doctor's orders, prepared a poultice for his chest. When she started to put it on it proved to be too hot. Accordingly she took it to the bathroom and set it into the bathtub to cool. This happened to be a fine tub lined with celluloid, which served as a sort of enamel. The heat of the poultice started the celluloid a-going, and the burning tub set things going generally. The department was called out, and the house was well wet down, for which the company had to pay. This, so far as is known, is the first instance on record where a bathtub set a house on fire or where a poultice kindled a bathtub.—Detroit Free Press.

A Small Reward.

The engine driver who took charge of the train from Falkenberg to Leipsic on December 13 prevented an accident in a very ingenious and plucky manner. Between the stations Torgau and Mockrehna he noticed that the rails running parallel to his own were broken, and that the next train that would pass over them must inevitably be wrecked. He at once wrote a few words explaining what he had seen and giving an exact description of the place, and when passing a group of railway workmen he flung the paper to them, which he had first rolled round a piece of coal. They read the warning, sent telegrams to the stations interested, the trains were stopped in the nick of time, and the accident happily prevented. This praiseworthy conduct of the engine driver was duly brought to the notice of his superiors, and he has just been rewarded with a present of two shillings. Even life is cheap in the Fatherland.—German Railway News.

Woman's Fate.

From the Record, Bushnell, Ill.

No woman is better able to speak to others regarding "woman's fate" than Mrs. Jacob Weaver, of Bushnell, Ill., wife of ex-City Marshal Weaver. She had entirely recovered from the illness which kept her bedfast much of the time for five or six years past, and says her recovery is due to that well-known remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Early Printing Was Slow.

The first printers used to print only on one side of a page, and then pasted together the two blank pages to give the impression of one leaf.

Gravedigger Information.

When Mr. Felix Mahoney was a special pension examiner, which wasn't longer ago than month before last, he had a bit of an experience which deserves a place in the Singular Coincidence list. He happened up in Connecticut. Mr. Mahoney and a temporary hireling of his were driving along a country road in a sleigh, when in a snow-filled cut the conveyance broke down. In the field beside the road Mr. Mahoney caught sight of a man's head. He lifted up his voice and called to the man. The head rose slowly, higher, and higher, till its owner's entire figure was revealed, as he climbed out of a grave he had been digging.

"Where does Jim Smith live?" roared Mr. Mahoney.

"Hey?" said the gravedigger, for, of course, he was deaf. You never heard of a gravedigger in a story who wasn't.

"Where does Jim Smith live?" roared the pension examiner again, fortissimo.

The gravedigger pointed to the nearest house.

"Well," said he, "that's his house over there."

"Is he at home?" bellowed Mr. Mahoney.

"Oh, yes," said the gravedigger; "he's at home, I'm just digging his grave."—Washington Star.

The Source of Fruit Flavors.

French scientists have been experimenting on fruit flavors with some surprising results. They have produced from the leaves of trees, which have been crushed and put through various fermentive processes, the exact flavor and taste of the fruit. It is inferred from these experiments that the leaves are, in a sense, the laboratory of the trees; that they gather from air, moisture and the sap of the tree those peculiar constituent elements that go to make up the flavor and odor of the fruit. Prepared by these faithful servants, the delicious aroma and taste are conveyed to the fruit as it ripens. This being the case, the custom of cutting out vine leaves and twigs to let the sun in upon the ripening fruit is a great scientific blunder. The efforts of these investigators will be continued to discover if possible just what effect is produced by feeding, pruning and environment.—New York Ledger.

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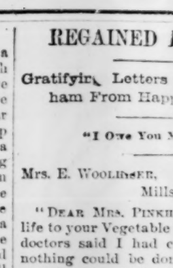

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